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*Description:* ff. 170 - Contemporary binding of red calf over boards, decorated with a panel with simple geometric designs; one leather strap with a bronze clasp. - Inside front cover: "Luipold Munzer von babenburg" with two coats of arms. In possession of A. Rosenthal, London, 1938. Accessioned for Spencer, 1941. - De Ricci, Supplement, 332. Dictionary Catalog, Spencer Collection, 904. E.J. Morrall, Sir John Mandevilles Reisebeschreibung in deutscher Übersetzung von Michel Velser (Berlin, 1974), cvi-cvii.

*Notes:* -Foliation only goes to f. 168 because back pastedown is not counted and because f. 117 is followed by f. 117a.

*Number of Parts:* 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 3

*Direct Link:* [http://ds.lib.berkeley.edu/NYPLSpencer037\\_42](http://ds.lib.berkeley.edu/NYPLSpencer037_42)

*Language:* German *Country:* Germany *Century:* 15th

### Part 1: ff. 1-170v

*Description:* - Paper - Two types of ox heads; one similar to Briquet 14725. - 212 x 153 mm - 25 long lines. Quire signatures. 13 quires of twelve folios each, followed by one of six folios and one of eight folios.

*Country:* Germany

*Cardinal point:*

*Region:*

*City:*

*Assigned Date:* s. XV<sup>3/4</sup>

*Searchable Date Range:* 1450 - 1475

*Dated by scribe:* Yes

*Inscribed Date:* 1459, September 7

*Document:* No

*Number of Scribes:* ;

*Script:* Littera bastarda currens

*Figurative Decoration:* 81 colored drawings, three of which are full-page.

*Other Decoration:* Large red initials at the opening of each section. Red slashes as placemarkers.

*Notes:* Dated on f. 156v to September 7, 1459. Latin

*Number of Texts:* 1

### Text 1: ff. 1v-169

*Author:* Jean de Bourgogne

*Other Associate:* Michael Velser, translator

*Title:* Travels of Sir John Mandeville

*Language(s):* German

*Incipit:* Ich Iohannis von Monte Filla Ritter geboren zu engelland

*Notes:* Text written ca. 1356 by Jean de Bourgogne, with real English nobleman as hero; was intended as guide for pilgrims to the Holy Land. Michael Velser translated it into German; his version first printed in Augsburg by Anton Sorg in 1481.

f. 1v Full-page portrait of Sir John Mandeville.



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f. 2 Opening of main text, with profile face on initial.



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ff. 88v-89 Text and drawings of dark-skinned Ethiopians, and a Sciopod, with one large foot to shade himself from the sun.



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